

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Tabito Hafuka, et al.

**ATTY DOCKET NO.:** 09792909-6654

**SERIAL NO.:** Not yet assigned

**GROUP ART UNIT:** not yet assigned

**DATE FILED:** April 3, 2006

**EXAMINER:** not yet assigned

**INVENTION:**

BACKLIGHT DEVICE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS

**SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).

Respectfully submitted,

SONNENSCHN NATH & ROSENTHAL LLP

By: /David R. Metzger/  
David R. Metzger (Reg. No. 32,919)

SONNENSCHN NATH & ROSENTHAL LLP  
P.O. Box #061080  
Wacker Drive Station  
Sears Tower  
Chicago, IL 60606-1080  
(312)876-8000